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## **Domestic Violence Coordinating Council**

November 10, 2016  
Family Justice Center  
600 Jefferson Plaza, Suite 500  
Rockville, MD 20852

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Purpose of Meeting:** Sixty first meeting to review the County's response to domestic violence and present committee reports. William Sollod, DVCC Vice Chair, convened the meeting at 5:30 PM.

**In Attendance:** The Honorable Karla Smith, DVCC Chair (Circuit Court for Montgomery County); William Sollod, DVCC Vice Chair (Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services – Parole and Probation); Debbie Feinstein (Montgomery County Office of the State's Attorney); Teresa Bennett (Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services); and Cheryl Kravitz (Community Member)

**Guests:** Lisa Mandell-Trupp (Office of Montgomery County Councilmember Sidney Katz); Tina Michaels (Montgomery County Department of Correction and Rehabilitation – Pre-trial Services); Lieutenant Sheila Sugrue (Montgomery County Department of Police); Michael Subin (Criminal Justice Coordinating Commission); Amy Palumbo and Donna Rismiller (DVS Legal Services); Emily Thompkin (Intern, Montgomery County Office of the State's Attorney); and Lauren Brown (Yasha Circle Ministry)

**Absent:** The Honorable Sidney Katz (Montgomery County Council); The Honorable John Moffett (District Court of Maryland for Montgomery County); Sheriff Darren Popkin (Montgomery County Office of the Sheriff); Assistant Chief Russell Hamill (Montgomery County Department of Police); Angela Talley (Montgomery County Department of Correction and Rehabilitation – Pre-trial Services); Rebecca Smondrowski (Montgomery County Public School – Board of Education); Nicole Drew (Montgomery County Commission for Women); Dorothy Fait, Esq. (Community Member); Eshigo Okasili, Esq. (Community Member); Resa Levy (Community Member); Sheila Kamdar (Community Member); Tom Manion, DVCC Staff (Montgomery County Office of the Sheriff)

#### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

William Sollod welcomed all members and guests.

## **II. Approval of September Minutes**

The minutes from September 8, 2016 DVCC meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes without revision, and the motion was seconded and passed.

## **III. Announcements**

William Sollod welcomed guest DVS Legal Services to share a presentation regarding services provided at the FJC.

## **IV. DVS Legal Services, Inc.**

Amy Shaw Palumbo and Donna Rismiller shared that DVS Legal Services (“DVS”) is a new onsite FJC partner. DVS’ mission is to increase access to legal resources for families impacted by domestic violence. DVS works with partners on site at FJC as well as other agencies to connect survivors with legal representation for protective order, divorce and custody cases. DVS has been onsite at FJC for approximately two months and has experienced a high rate of success connecting clients with legal representation. Debbie Feinstein shared information regarding JCADA’s resources that may complement DVS.

## **V. Committee Reports**

### **A. Education and Outreach Committee**

Debbie Feinstein shared updates for Choose Respect Conference. The date has been set for April 2, 2016 at Richard Montgomery High School. Members of the committee are talking with JCADA and MCPS to increase awareness and attendance for the conference. Debbie Feinstein and Tom Manion attended the recent SCUP conference and received requests from many professionals to share the Expect Respect curriculum. The committee has reshaped the Choose Respect Conference, PSA Contest, Expect Respect (in class curriculum) and Coaching Boys Into Men initiatives to be promoted together under the Choose Respect brand.

### **B. Victim Services Committee**

Cheryl Kravitz shared that DVS is a new onsite partner at FJC and that the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team has reconvened meetings each month. The Honorable Karla Smith shared information regarding the Interfaith Domestic Violence Coalition conference on November 9, 2016. The coalition includes judges in jurisdictions across Maryland heading up local initiatives. Judge Smith led the break-out session devote to Montgomery County resources. Tom Manion (Montgomery County Office of the Sheriff), Jordan Satinsky (Montgomery County Police), Wendy Grier (Child Welfare Services) and other local representatives from Montgomery County shared information regarding resources available in the county.

### **C. Offender Program and Policy Committee**

William Sollod shared that the committee is interested in hosting an

offender roundtable meeting. Tina Michaels shared that information and needs from prior offender roundtable meeting.

#### **D. Legislative and Policy Planning Committee**

Dorothy Fait was not present. Members present discussed needs that may be considered for future legislation. Some concerns that members highlighted are the need for penalties for offenders putting tracking devices on victim's vehicles, breaking victim's cell phones, and registering antique/replica firearms (currently an exception to statute requiring registration for firearms).

#### **E. MCFJC Foundation**

The MCFJC Foundation Annual Benefit was held October 30 at the Hilton in Rockville. Amy Shaw Palumbo shared that \$25,300 was raised at the appeal, \$2075 was raised through the new "purple shop", and \$7,550 was raised through the live auction.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

Judge Karla Smith, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 6:37 PM

**The next DVCC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 12, 2017 from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the Family Justice Center**



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